Revision of the prices of all counts of yarn.

* 159 *Q.*—Sri A. J. ARUNACHALAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the State Government have recommended to the Central Government to fix a special rate for 26s, 36s and 34s counts of yarn; and

(*b*) if so, what the reply received from the Central Government is?

The Hon. Dr. U. KRISHNA RAO:—" (*a*) & (*b*) No, Sir. The Government of India have been addressed to revise the prices of all counts of yarn in relation to the prices of cotton and their reply is awaited."

Sri A. J. ARUNACHALAM:—" May I know, Sir, if the Hon. Minister is aware that the counts, 26s, 36s and 34s are counts unwanted and not liked by the consumers and if so, what action the Government will take to see that popular counts, such as 20s, 30s and 40s are supplied to the consumers from the mills? "

The Hon. Dr. U. KRISHNA RAO:—" The hon. Member in his question wanted to know if the State Government have recommended to the Central Government to fix a special rate and the answer is 'No'; my Friend is now raising a question of policy; I think I must ask for notice."

Sri A. J. ARUNACHALAM:—" Then, Sir, I would like to ask the Hon. Minister what is the object of the mills in producing such unwanted counts? "

The Hon. Dr. U. KRISHNA RAO:—" I am afraid I cannot answer the question of the hon. Member."

Sri PRAGADA KOTAIAH:—" In view of the fact that the Union Government are not paying heed to the repeated representations made by the handloom weavers of this State to reduce the price of yarn in proportion to the fall in the price of cotton, may I know, Sir, if the State Government would consider the desirability of levying a terminal tax on yarn going out of this State and the proceeds being given as a subsidy to the handloom industry? "

The Hon. Dr. U. KRISHNA RAO:—" I do not agree with the premises of the hon. Member that the Government of India are not listening to the representations of the handloom weavers; they are considering how best to reduce the price of yarn in proportion to the fall in the price of cotton. The matter is under correspondence. As regards the second part of the question, it is not within the purview of the State Government."

Sri A. J. ARUNACHALAM:—" May I take it, Sir, that the mills are producing these counts of yarn with a view to earn more profit and with a view not to comply with the control rules? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO:—" The hon. Member is entitled to come to any conclusion he likes."

Mamidipalli-Dandigam road work in Salur taluk.

* 160 Q.—SRI K. VENKATANARAYANA DORA: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(a) how far the Mamidipalli-Dandigam road work in Salur taluk has progressed till now; and

(b) the cause for the delay in completing it?

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI:—" (a) & (b) Government have no information."

SRI K VENKATANARAYANA DORA:—" అయినను, ఇకపైననైనా కనుక్కొంటారా ?"

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI:—" The information will be called for."

MR. SPEAKER:—" The hon. Member should resume his seat after putting his question."

SRI K. VENKATANARAYANA DORA:—" నేను తెలుగున తమరిని అడిగినాను, Sir, మా ప్రశ్న . . . . . ."

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU:—" Having put the question in Telugu, he wants the reply in Telugu."

MR. SPEAKER:—" I think the Hon. Minister knows Telugu."

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI:—" సమాచారం తెప్పించబడునండి."

Expenditure incurred on Rent Settlement staff.

* 161 Q.—SRI T. C. NARAYANA NAMBIAR (on behalf of Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar): Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the total expenditure already incurred in connection with the working of the Malabar Tenancy Act under the head 'Rent Settlement staff' including salaries, cost of furniture and other charges; and

(b) how many gazetted officers have been employed in Rent Settlement work?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—
" (a) Rs. 1,12,964-12-0 up to the end of the treasury month of June 1952.

" (b) Thirteen."

DR. K. B. MENON:—" May I know what the annual recurring expenditure is for the establishment set up for the implementation of the Malabar Tenancy Act? "